

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. TF-03-473 (INU-03-2)
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ORDER APPROVING REVISED COMPLIANCE TARIFF

(Issued February 10, 2004)

On January 7, 2004, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order rejecting a compliance tariff filed by Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL). IPL filed the compliance tariff to comply with the Board's order in Docket No. INU-03-2, which direct natural gas utilities to file tariffs describing the practices they follow when leaving gas on at a premise where no party is responsible for payment (a "soft close" procedure). The Board directed the natural gas utilities to file proposed tariffs that include provisions informing customers of the soft close procedures and that describe any back billing procedures for gas consumption during soft close periods.

In the January 7, 2004, order, the Board found that IPL's initial compliance tariff should be rejected because it did not provide for IPL to place door hangers at premises where it was leaving the gas on under soft close procedures. The Board stated that door hangers are necessary to inform persons entering a vacant premise that the natural gas is turned on. The Board directed IPL to file revised tariff

provisions that specify that a door hanger will be left at a premise where the soft close practice is followed.

In the January 7, 2004, order, the Board also directed IPL to comply with the provisions of current subrule 199 IAC 19.3(7), which requires a meter be read when service is commenced and when it is discontinued or, in the alternative, to not charge a new customer for gas consumption prior to the first regular meter reading. The Board also found that the last sentence of proposed paragraph 4.17A(1)"d" was not clear. That sentence set a trigger of "twenty-five (25) therms or more" for determining when customers would be responsible for payment. The Board directed IPL to clarify the tariff language.

The revised compliance tariff filed on January 20, 2004, provides that door hangers will be left on the doors of single-family dwellings and duplexes. The revised compliance tariff provides that service under soft close practices will be physically disconnected after 15 days if IPL cannot identify any person responsible for gas consumption. The tariff also provides in the event gas usage occurs after the date service is discontinued and placed on soft close, the usage will be accounted for as system loss gas and not billed to a customer unless it is determined that a particular customer was responsible for the gas usage. This language replaced the 25-therm trigger in paragraph 4.17A(1)"d" and clarified this provision of the tariff.

The Board finds that the revised compliance tariff complies with the Board's order in Docket No. INU-03-2 and the order rejecting compliance tariff issued

January 7, 2004, in Docket No. TF-03-473. The Board will approve the revised compliance tariffs.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The compliance tariff filed by Interstate Power and Light Company on October 14, 2003, as revised on January 20, 2004, and identified as TF-03-473, is approved.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Sharon Mayer
Executive Secretary, Assistant to

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 10th day of February, 2004.